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News UPDATE

School screenings

Eisenhower Army Medical Center is having school screenings for students eligible for care at EAMC.

The screenings are a state requirement for children entering Georgia public schools for the first time and includes vision, hearing and dental screenings, and an immunization update.

Parents must bring their ID card, and their children's medical records (if not at EAMC), immunization record, medical stamp card, and, if applicable, eye-glasses, hearing aids and medical power of attorney.

Screenings will be held **July 31 and Aug. 7 and 14** in the Internal Medicine Clinic. To schedule a screening or for information, call 787-7300.

Volunteers needed for voter registration

The installation equal opportunity office is sponsoring a Voter's Registration Drive **Aug. 26** from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Women's Equality Day.

Volunteers are needed for the registration drive for more information or to sign up contact the EO office.

The locations are the Post Exchange, the PX-tra, EAMC, Darling Hall, Signal Towers, Commissary, and unit areas.

Point of contacts are Sgt. 1st Class Iasha Singleton at 791-6644/2014 or Sgt. 1st Class Renee Wray at 791-6648/2014.

Fire department occupies new building

The Fire Department conducts most of their business at their headquarters building, 32420. They want their customers aware of the location of both of their stations.

The Fire Department no longer occupies building 2131. They have moved their operation to the Fire Station 2 location at building 13803.

MCG offers free classes

The public is invited to participate in a Medical College of Georgia Mini-Medical School to learn more about science and medicine. MCG Faculty will teach courses on obesity, pain management, joint disorders, the heart and cardiothoracic surgery, urology and endocrinology.

Courses are free and will be held Tuesday evening Oct. 12- Nov. 16, from 7-9 p.m. in the MCG School of Dentistry auditorium. Advance registration is encouraged. Online registration is available at <http://www.mcg.edu/ce/med.html>. For more information contact the MCG Division of continuing Education at 706-721-3967 or 1-800-221-6437.

Garrison commander leaves mark on Post

Denise Allen

Signal staff

Although Col. Robert Henderson will leave Fort Gordon as garrison commander at the end of August, his legacy will impact the post for years to come.

"The departure of a commander is sometimes an occasion for great hyperbole about the commander and his accomplishments. It's an Army tradition. It would be very difficult, however, to exaggerate Col. Henderson's accomplishments.

He has literally transformed the garrison and, really, this entire installation," said Terry Smith, deputy garrison commander.

Numerous projects have been overseen during Henderson's three years at the installation.

He hadn't been at Fort Gordon long when the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 occurred.

Force protection has been a major focus since then.

The Installation Operations Center has moved from a small office to a larger center in Darling Hall. Walls of video screens monitoring every area of the post are within the IOC.

There are numerous video cameras across post, and

more are on their way.

Henderson said video cameras will be at each of the gates to record a mug shot of the driver of a vehicle and the license plate number. The information will be kept on file for 30 days.

Henderson is working on getting software installed so that speeders can be monitored and possibly ticketed through the new technology.

Besides keeping Soldiers, their families and civilian workers on post safe, Henderson has worked to improve the quality of life on post by working to bring new businesses on post.

The Huddle House, a public-private venture, usually takes about four years to push through the Department of the Army and other entities. The Huddle House is scheduled to open on Aug. 20, about 18 months after the inception of the project.

"He is a risk taker, but they are educated risks. He has aggressively sought pilot programs that will have long-term impacts on the men and women who live and work here, and he's extremely persistent in making sure the outcome is to the installation's benefit," said Pat Buchholz,

strategic management officer.

Other businesses have also come to Fort Gordon including a new \$1 million car wash. A Firestone auto service center should be opening in April.

Also, a Godfather's Pizza and Seattle's Best Coffee is scheduled to open in August, and a new UPS store recently opened.

A wing restaurant is also on its way.

Other improvements have included redesigning the Courtyard. In one previous life, the building was the Officers' Club, but after the Gordon Club opened, it became a linguistics training center and headquarters for Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers.

The Courtyard is once again a club with entertainment for Soldiers with lots of television screens, games and dining. There's a golf simulator and a NASCAR simulator will be installed soon.

Henderson has strengthened the community's involvement at Fort Gordon as well by beefing up events such as Oktoberfest and Cinco de Mayo, making them longer and with more attractions and combining existing events with them.



Col. Robert Henderson

File photo

Three years ago, the Independence Day celebration consisted of "a small amount of fireworks and a couple of booths" at a cost of about \$7,000, Henderson said.

This year, \$100,000 was spent on fireworks and there was a carnival.

Some have called Henderson a mover and a shaker, and in his three years, he said he's done a lot of moving people around and shaking up their worlds.

"People don't like to move," he said. "They do it kicking and screaming."

Almost every garrison employee is now working at Darling Hall, instead of being scattered throughout the

installation. With the new people, the space at Darling Hall has also been adjusted to fit the needs of the employees, he said.

The improvements during the past three years are vast, said Smith.

"You can see his impact everywhere, from force protection emplacements and improvements to expanded recreational and dining facilities and services, from countless improvements in the appearance of the installation to numerous improvements in training facilities for our Soldiers, from improved infrastructure to the recreation of the Army tradition of Morale Call," Smith said.

Fort Gordon community remembers a fallen Soldier

Pfc. Armando Monroig
Signal Staff

A memorial service was held Monday for a signal Soldier at the Friendship Chapel on Barnes Avenue.

Over 300 family, friends and coworkers of Spc. Marisa Lau attended her memorial ceremony.

Lau, 518th Tactical Installation Network Company, died from injuries suffered during a change-of-command rehearsal July 20 on Barton Field.

The semaphore tower that is used as part of the change-of-command ceremonies collapsed injuring three Soldiers, one of which was Lau.

Loved ones gathered to celebrate the life of a wife, sister, daughter, Soldier, and for many a friend, said Lt. Col. Olen Kelley, 56th Signal Battalion commander.

He said Lau was "a true patriot, one of the best this nation has to offer."

Capt. Ngan Kim, 518th TIN Company, 56th Signal Battalion,

commander said, "Spc. Lau exemplified excellence and had a contagious joy for life."

"Her spirit, infectious smile, lively personality and sense of humor will always be fondly remembered by the family of the 56th Signal Battalion," added Kim.

He said those who knew Lau considered her a hard worker with high standards, someone who never complained and always had a smile on her face.

A few of those loved ones spoke how they felt about her during the memorial.

"She had a very positive and upbeat personality. The lasting impression of her was her smile," said 2nd Lt. Steven Kaiser, Tactical Installation Company. "It was a testament of her kind and friendly spirit. It was a privilege and an honor to be her platoon leader."

Spc. Priscilla Ubando, a battle-buddy of Lau's, read a touching poem in memory of the friend she

grew to learn more about and love as their careers seemed to cross paths during training in Advanced Individual Training, tower school and Fort Gordon.

She recalled times when Lau selflessly kept her company while she was on duty and brought her food when she was hungry.

Ubando reminisced on the time when Lau, while on pass, took her to the airport in Atlanta so she could catch a flight and then picked her up when she missed that flight – with a smile and no complaints.

She also recounted when she had car trouble, Lau was there allowing her to borrow her vehicle and how she paid Ubando's way when she had a mix-up with her pay.

These were all things she said Lau did for her and others selflessly adding that Lau was a "real-life angel."

Spc. Jennifer Todd, platoon member and friend, recalled the time they spent together as roommates



Courtesy Photo

Spc. Marisa Lau

and as battle-buddies while in tower school together and how Lau helped motivate her.

"The true measure of life is not the duration – but the donation," said Todd adding that Lau was brave, selfless, loyal and free-spirited.

She recalled a humorous moment when Lau had just learned to drive for the first time, scaring both her and the salesman of the car she was test driving.

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Community gets briefed on Post events

Denise Allen

Signal Staff

If it's happening at Fort Gordon, you can find out about it at the monthly community information briefing.

Held at 11:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Gordon Club, the CIB brings together heads of organizations to let the community know what's going on.

"It's tailored to the Fort Gordon community, the unit commanders, family readiness groups" anyone who may be interested in the happenings on post, said Stan

Simmons, Chief of the Plans and Programs Division with the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

Each of the tables in the ballroom had calendars and fliers about upcoming events and personnel from across the post from the chaplains' office to Morale, Welfare and Recreation gave information on their events at the last CIB held July 21.

The meetings aren't just about upcoming events; it's also a good place to find out other happenings on post, such as the latest in construction.

Parking lot resurfacing and re-

stripping will continue as will construction of new sidewalks.

The heating and cooling systems at Dining Facilities 4 and 6 will be worked on soon, and the bus station will be enclosed to include businesses such as a Chinese buffet.

Pat Buchholz, strategic management officer, said the Huddle House will open on Aug. 20, and new restaurant called Wild Wing is on its way.

There will be a clean-up at Freedom Park Elementary School from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, she said.

The next CIB will be at 11:30 a.m., Aug. 18.

Delays expected on Fort Gordon Aug. 12

Readers are advised that delays can be expected August 12th, on roadways and at gates leading into the installation due to a planned force protection exercise.

All visitors and members of the Fort Gordon community should allow extra time while driving into and around the post.

These delays can be expected the entire day.

New personnel system to add efficiency, satisfaction

Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The new National Security Personnel System will improve the working environment within the Defense Department while creating a more satisfied, more productive workforce, Navy Secretary Gordon England said July 7 at a town hall meeting. "That's what this is about: great job satisfaction," England told his audience of Pentagon workers and Web and Pentagon Channel viewers. "We want everybody to go home every night and brag about the great job they accomplished that day. That is what we are trying to accomplish."

Congress authorized the new personnel system as part of the fiscal 2004 National Defense Authorization Act.

It will introduce sweeping changes to the way the department hires, pays, promotes, disciplines and fires its 700,000 civilian workers, doing away with antiquated practices England said have bogged down the department for decades.

For example, the new system will consolidate nine separate personnel systems that now govern DoD civilian workers. England said streamlining these systems into one "will make it easier to manage and certainly better for our employees."

Responding to questions from the Pentagon audience and emails from as far away as Hawaii, England explained that the system will include faster procedures for hiring new workers, pay based on performance rather than tenure and "pay bands" to replace the current general-service pay scale.

Details of the new system are still being worked out, said England.

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Signal reunion to be held in Florida

A joint reunion of Signal units, 29th Signal Group (Thailand) and RYCOM (Okinawa) 8111th AU/8112th AU will be held in Kissimmee, Fla. Oct. 26-31. If you were assigned to either of these units or their subordinate elements contact Roy Gettz even if you are not attending the event so your name can be

included on the mailing list for next year's reunion. Contact Roy by mail at 3091 Blackbird Ct, Melbourne, FL 32935, phone 321-259-7039, or by E-mail asachitoseassn@earthlink.net for further info.

Reply should include your unit assignment and years you were there.



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An inconvenience claim arises when household goods are delivered late or not picked up on time.

The issue of inconvenience claims arises frequently since Soldiers move so often.

The Army claims system does not pay these claims, but Soldiers may seek compensation for out of pocket expenses directly from the moving company. There are particular rules concerning the handling of these claims which pertain both to the Soldier and the carrier industry.

Late Pick-up or Late Delivery

First of all, it must be understood that it is the carrier's responsibility to pickup and deliver personal property shipments on the agreed date.

Failure to do so can cause serious inconvenience to Soldiers and their families, and can result in the expenditure of funds by the Soldier for lodging, food, rental/purchase of household necessities, and other directly related miscellaneous expenses.

However, carriers are not responsible for delays caused by events beyond their control such as blizzards, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, landslides, earthquakes and other acts of God, and events other than weather and natural disasters that are beyond the carrier's control, such as violent strikes, mob disturbances, acts of public authority and delays caused by the government.

Carrier's Responsibility

When a carrier fails to pick-up or deliver as scheduled, the carrier's agreement with the Department of Defense, called the "Tender of Service", contained in DOD Reg. 4500.9-R, The Defense Transportation Regulation, Part IV Personal Property, Chapter 410 details the carrier's responsibilities pertaining to inconvenience claims.

The Tender of Service provides that carriers are liable for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred as a result of delay in delivery that is due solely to carrier fault or negligence.

Equipment failure and actions by underlying carriers are not considered beyond the carrier's control.

Filing a Claim with the Carrier

The Soldier must document the claim fully with an itemized list of charges and accompanying receipts for charges incurred.

Charges will be computed from the day after the Required Delivery Date specified on the Government Bill of Lading as the RDD or GBL correction notice thereof or the date following the day the Soldier obtains quarters, whichever date is the latest, and will be payable through the day of actual delivery of the shipment.

Carriers must acknowledge receipt of claims filed by a service member within 15 days of the date of filing and must reimburse the Soldier within 30 days from receipt of the claim.

Hotel or motel accommodations should be of standard room variety and offer moderate rates.

The maximum liability for lodging will not exceed the per diem lodging rate, based on the number of people in the Soldier's family.

For example, the Soldier and his/her spouse would be expected to share one room in a hotel; additional family members, depending on age and sex, may require additional rooms.

The carrier's maximum liability for meals and incidental expenses will not exceed the government rate in the locale.

Out-of-pocket expenses are all expenses incurred by a Soldier and their family members because they are not able to use the items in the shipment or to establish his or her household.

Expenses include, but are not limited to lodging, meals, laundry service, furniture, and/or appliance rental, to include rental of a television, and other similar expenses such as towels, (two per person), pots, pans, paper plates, plastic knives, plastic spoons, plastic forks, paper, and/or plastic cups, and napkins.

A request for reimbursement of alcoholic beverages in any quantity is

prohibited.

If the carrier purchases tangible household items such as towels, pots, and pans, the carrier may make arrangements to reclaim those items upon delivery of the member's/employee's shipment.

The Soldier is cautioned that out of pocket expenses claimed must be reasonable and relate directly to relieving a definite hardship being suffered by the Soldier or the Soldier's dependents.

The carrier will pay the member/employee within 30 calendar days of the receipt by the carrier of the member's/employee's receipts for reasonable out of pocket expenses and will report to the destination transportation office.

In the event of a disputed claim, the carrier will appeal the case to the destination transportation office no later than the 35th day.

The transportation office will make every effort to resolve the dispute by the 45th day.

If the carrier disagrees with the decision of the transportation office, the carrier may appeal the case to Headquarters, Surface Deployment and Distribution Command by the 50th day.

The decision of HQ, SDDC is final and the claim will be settled within 10 days from the postmark date of the HQ, SDDC decision letter or a total of 75 days from the claim's submission date, whichever occurs later.

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Maj. Jeffrey S. Hillard

Col. Larry J. Hanson assumed command of the Southeast Regional Dental Command (SERDC) and Fort Gordon Dental Activity (DENTAC) from Col. David L. Carr on July 27 at Alexander Hall. Col. Sidney A. Brooks, commander of the U.S. Army Dental Command at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, presided over the ceremony.

Carr completed an eventful three-year tenure at Fort Gordon, which was his fourth consecutive command tour.

Under Carr, SERDC dental activities at seven installations significantly increased the dental readiness rates of permanent party Soldiers and trainees to consistently exceed the Army's goal of 95 percent.

Additionally, Carr directed numerous dental support operations to facilitate the deployment of two active duty divisions and the mobilization of thousands of National Guard and Reserve personnel for Operations Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle, and Iraqi Freedom. Carr is in his 26th year of service.

Carr, his wife, Micki, and daughter, Sara, will remain at Fort Gordon, where he will serve as Assistant Program Director for the

DENTAC's advanced specialty education program in Endodontics. Carr plans to retire from the Army in the summer of 2005.

Hanson, a second-generation Army Dental Corps officer, is a 1977 graduate of the University of Iowa. He attended the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and received his Doctor of Dental Surgery in May of 1981. Hanson, who is a board certified Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon, has served in a myriad of positions in both field and garrison organizations during his 23 years of active duty. Additionally, he is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College, a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, holds the "A" proficiency designator from the Army Surgeon General, and is a member of the Order of Military Medical Merit.

Hanson's most recent assignment was Commander, U.S. Army Dental Activity, Fort Riley, Kansas.

He is accompanied to Fort Gordon by his wife, Debra Spittler, who currently serves as the Chief, Nursing Administration at Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center.

Maj. Jeffrey S. Hillard is the executive officer for Fort Gordon Dental Activity.



Photo by Jerry Coule
Col. David L. Carr, outgoing commander, passes the colors to Col. Sidney Brooks, left, DENCOM commander, thus relinquishing his command of DENCOM.

Kabul education center helps deployed troops

Staff Sgt. Robert Ramon

KABUL, Afghanistan — Camp Phoenix near Kabul opened a new education center, last month, that will allow Soldiers fighting the Global War on Terrorism to further their education while serving in a combat zone.

Present for the opening ceremonies were John W. Bush, director of the Army Continuing Education System's Installation Management Agency Europe; Robert Thiesse, the Education Services specialist in charge of the new center; and Col. Robbie Asher, CJTF Phoenix deputy commander.

"Education is important for our Soldiers. It's the future," Asher said. "Hopefully, once the Soldiers begin to complete their courses we'll be able to set them up for success in the future."

Bush met with Brig. Gen. Thomas P. Mancino, Coalition Joint Task Force Phoenix commander, in February to discuss the possibility of creating the education center and was impressed when Mancino promised to do everything in his power to see that the center became a reality.

"He told me in February

he'd see this thing through and he made good on his promise," Bush said.

The education center provides a great opportunity for Soldiers to make the best of their limited free time while stationed in Afghanistan.

"While Soldiers are stationed here they can't go out to a movie, go bowling or anything like that," Thiesse said. "So instead of just sitting in their tents or playing in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation center, it's a great opportunity for them to invest some time and effort in their education."

Several Soldiers stationed in or near Kabul began taking college courses at the education center a couple of weeks before the grand opening.

"Attending college is important so that individuals can become better and more effective in their family life, career and when communicating with others," Thiesse said. "Having a better education will improve all those facets of your life as well as open up more opportunities for you career-wise."

Currently, the only two courses being offered are law enforcement and management.

About 40 students are currently enrolled and the

construction of the facilities is still in progress. The center is expected to be at full capacity within a few weeks.

"The grand opening is only one point on the continuum because, although we've done a lot, we still have a lot more to do," said Thiesse. "There's more furniture to get and there's alterations to the center that will be done so we can use the space more efficiently."

In the near future, several more courses will be offered as well as standardized tests that will assist Soldiers in furthering their educations. Additionally counselor's aides will be available at the various compounds in the area.

Courses will be offered through the University of Maryland, University of Oklahoma, Central Texas College, University of Phoenix and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

"During each eight-week term we'll probably be offering two law enforcement classes and probably four to six undergraduate academic classes," said Thiesse. "Our total enrollment per term will be well over 100 to 120 Soldiers and maybe even more."

There will be College Level Examination Program

and Dante Subject Standardized Test programs to allow Soldiers to earn college credits through the use of an exam in lieu of taking the actual course.

The education center will also offer courses to make the Soldiers' experiences in Afghanistan more meaningful.

"We will offer some cultural classes as well," Thiesse said.

"There's such a need to help Soldiers understand the language and the culture of the places where they're serving in order to avoid any misunderstandings when they're out doing their jobs," added Thiesse.

The education center also houses a new computer lab in addition to the one already available to Soldiers at the MWR center.

"Most Soldiers say the computer lab is the best thing about the education center," said Thiesse.

"The computer lab is available for online classes that aren't offered here, or for research purposes. The Army makes it so easy for people to go to school, so they should definitely take advantage of the education center," added Thiesse.

Staff Sgt. Robert Ramon is from the Camp Phoenix public affairs office.

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Facts and tips about getting to school safely

School bus transportation is safe. In fact, buses are safer than cars! Even so, last year, approximately 26 students were killed and another 9,000 were injured in incidents involving school buses.

More often than not, these deaths and injuries didn't occur in a crash, but as the pupils were entering and exiting the bus.

Remember these safety tips:

- Have a safe place to wait for your bus, away from traffic and the street.

- Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.

- When being dropped off, exit the bus and walk ten giant steps away from the bus. Keep a safe distance between you and the bus. Also, remember that the bus driver can see you best when you are back away from the bus.

- Use the handrail to enter and exit the bus.

- Stay away from the bus until the driver gives his/her signal that it's okay to approach.

- Be aware of the street traffic around you. Drivers *are* required to follow certain rules of the road concerning school buses, however, not all do. Protect yourself and watch out!

Bus Danger Zones

School Bus Safety Rules

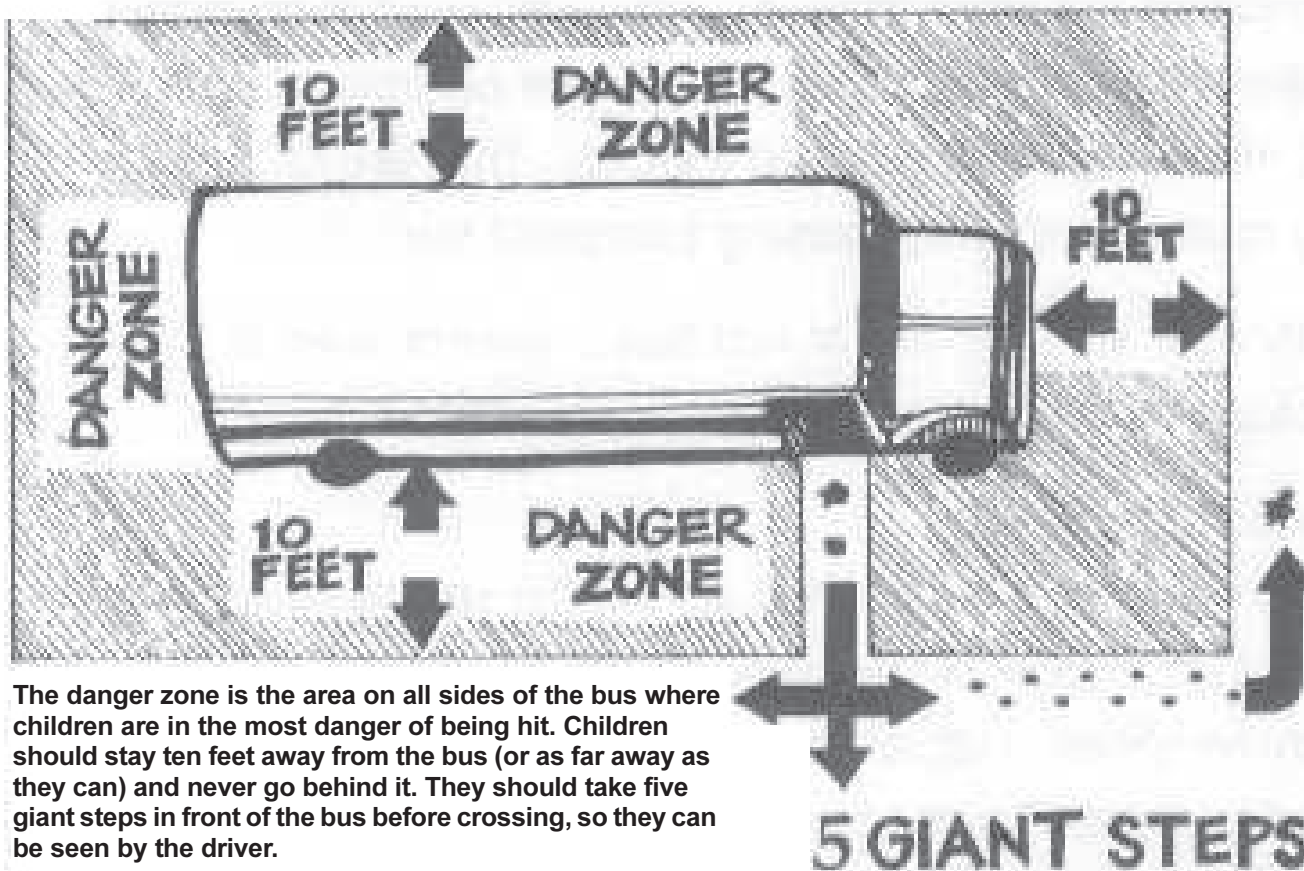
For some 22 million students nationwide, the school day begins and ends with a trip on a school bus. Unfortunately, each year many youngsters are injured and several are killed in school bus incidents.

School bus related crashes killed 164 persons and injured an estimated 18,000 persons nationwide in 1999, according to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) and General Estimates System (GES).

Over the past six years, about 70 percent of the deaths in fatal school bus related crashes were occupants of vehicles other than the school bus and 20 percent were pedestrians. About 4 percent were school bus passengers and 2 percent were school bus drivers.

Of the pedestrians killed in school bus related crashes over this period, approximately 77 percent were struck by the school bus.

Of the people injured in school bus related crashes from 1994



The danger zone is the area on all sides of the bus where children are in the most danger of being hit. Children should stay ten feet away from the bus (or as far away as they can) and never go behind it. They should take five giant steps in front of the bus before crossing, so they can be seen by the driver.

through 1999, about 44 percent were school bus passengers, nine percent were school bus drivers, and another 43 percent were occupants of other vehicles.

Although drivers of all vehicles are required to stop for a school bus when it is stopped to load or discharge passengers, children should not rely on them to do so.

The National Safety Council encourages parents to teach their youngsters these rules for getting on and off the school bus:

- When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and avoid roughhousing or other behavior that can lead to carelessness.

- Do not stray onto streets, alleys or private property.

- Line up away from the street or road as the school bus approaches.

- Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before stepping onto the roadway.

- Use the hand rail when stepping onto the bus.

- When on the bus, find a seat and sit down. Loud talking or other noise can distract the bus driver and is not allowed. Never put head, arms or hands out of the window.

- Keep aisles clear — books or bags are tripping hazards and can block the way in an emergency.

- Before you reach your stop, get ready to leave by getting your books and belongings together.

- At your stop, wait for the bus to stop completely before getting up from your seat. Then, walk to the front door and exit, using the hand rail.

- If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk at least ten feet ahead of the bus along the side of the road, until you can turn around and see the driver.

Make sure that the driver can see you. Wait for a signal from the driver before beginning to cross. When the driver signals, walk across the road, keeping an eye out for sudden traffic changes.

- Do not cross the center line of the road until the driver has signaled that it is safe for you to begin walking.

- Stay away from the bus' rear wheels at all times.

The Council also suggests that parents review with their children the correct way to cross the street.

- Youngsters should always stop at the curb or the edge of the road and look left, then right, and then left again before crossing.

- They should continue looking in this manner until they are safely across.

- If students' vision is blocked by a parked car or other obstacle, they should move out to where drivers can see them and they can see other vehicles — then stop, and look left-right-left again.

Walking and Biking

to School

Even if you don't ride in a motor vehicle, you still have to protect yourself. Because of minimal supervision, young pedestrians face a wide variety of decision making situations and dangers while walking to and from school. Here are a few basic safety tips to follow:

- Mind all traffic signals and/or the crossing guard — never cross the street against a light, even if you don't see any traffic coming.

- Walk your bike through intersections.

- Walk with a buddy.

- Wear reflective material...it makes you more visible to street traffic.

Riding in a car

- You might have heard before that most traffic crashes occur close to home ... they do.

- Safety belts are the best form of protection passengers have in the event of a crash. They can lower your risk of injury by 45 percent.

- You are four times more likely to be seriously injured or killed if ejected from the vehicle in a crash.

- Everyone needs to be buckled up properly. That means older kids in seat belts, children 6 years old or younger placed in appropriate infant/toddler/booster seats.

This article was submitted by Russell Blandin, Signal Brach Safety Office.

Feedback

Pvt. 1st Class Armando Monroig

What are you doing to prepare for back to school?



My daughter is going to Richmond Academy. She had to read two big books for the summer. We made sure those books were read, and that she read two chapters a day.

Darryle Crews, Chief of Military Pay Review



Work, work, work. Provide for all their needs: school supplies, make sure their school clothes is in style -- that's a big factor to kids.

Sgt. 1st Class Joe Mendoza, B Company, 240th Signal Battalion, National Guard out of Palmdale, California



Shop early. Make sure all the tuition, books and fees are paid for.

Latonya Singleton, Military Pay Clerk



Changing their sleep schedule, their TV hours. Have them read more to help them prepare for classes. Force them to go to the store with me to get school supplies.

Freddie Winters, Military Pay Technician

Back to school safety checklist and tips for parents

When you drop off your child at school, use this checklist to make sure these hidden hazards aren't waiting to cause injury or death.

- **Drawstrings on Jackets and Sweatshirts:** There should be no drawstrings on hoods or around the neck. Drawstrings at the waist or bottom of jackets should extend no more than 3 inches to prevent catching in car and school bus doors or getting caught on playground equipment.

- **Loops on Window Blind Cords:** Cut the loop and attach separate tassels to prevent entanglement and strangulation in window blind cord.

- One child a month strangles and dies in the loop of a window blind cord.

- **Bike Helmets:** Buy a helmet that meets one of the safety standards (U.S. CPSC, Snell, ANSI, ASTM, or Canadian), and insist that your children wear the helmet each time they ride their bike. About 900 people, including more than 200 children, are killed annually in bicycle-related incidents, and about 60 percent of these deaths involve a head injury.

- More than 500,000 people are treated annually in U.S. hospital emergency rooms for bicycle-related injuries.

- Research indicates that a helmet can reduce the risk of head injury by up to 85 percent.

- **Soccer Goals:** Make sure that the athletic director or the custodian anchors the soccer goals into the ground so that the soccer goal will not tip over and crush a child.

- **Playgrounds:** Check the surfaces around playground equipment at schools and parks to make sure there is a 12-inch depth of wood chips, mulch, sand, or pea gravel, or mats made of safety-tested rubber or fiber material to prevent head injury when a child falls. Each year, more than 200,000 children go to U.S. hospital emergency rooms with injuries associated with playground equipment. Most injuries occur when a child falls from the equipment onto the ground.

- **Recalled Products:** Make sure your child's school has up-to-date information on recalled toys and children's products.

Schools, daycare providers, and parents can receive recall information by FAX, e-mail, or in the regular mail free of charge by calling the CPSC hotline, or writing to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207.

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Blast back to school

Denise Allen
Signal staff

Games, rides, free school supplies and free food are a few of the items on the list for the Back to School Blast at Freedom Park Elementary School Aug. 6.

Richmond County has designated 6 to 8 p.m. as elementary school open house; however, before meeting teachers and finding their classrooms, children can have fun beginning at 3 p.m.

"We're going to try to make it a special day," said Mary Crowder, chief of Children and Youth Services, the event sponsor.

The Back to School Blast will be a chance for CYS to show off some of its after-school programs.

"Our after-school program has certified teachers; there's peer mentoring and recreation such as basketball and arts and crafts," she said.

CYS is affiliated with the 4-H program, and there's a step dance program as well. Also, CYS has a robotics lab.

CYS will be teaming up with Freedom Park Elementary School throughout the year, allowing students access to its computer lab during the school day.

At the Back to School Blast,

officials will be introducing a new program called Eagle Ambassadors, a partnership involving several entities including Army Community Services, Freedom Park Elementary School and CYS.

"The concept is to help ease new students into a new environment," said Staci Hill-Good, Fort Gordon's school liaison officer.

A third, fourth or fifth grader who has already been at Freedom Park for a school year will be paired with a new student.

The Eagle Ambassador will show the new student around the school and other "kid-friendly" places such as CYS, said Hill-Good.

The ambassadors will be volunteers and trained through ACS.

And everything will be done with strict adult supervision, said Hill-Good.

CYS and Fort Gordon's school liaison office have many cooperative ventures planned for the school during the year.

A list of special events will be given out at the Back to School Blast.

After the event at 8:30 p.m., there will be a teen dance at the youth services building. Admission to Blast events is free.

Changes are in the works at Bingo Palace, Bowling Center

Sgt. Sam Smith
Staff writer

The Bingo Palace and Bowling Center are undergoing major changes over the next several months.

Both facilities are changing to attract a larger customer demographic.

The Bingo Palace is accommodating to its smoking customers and the Bowling Center is modernizing to a younger crowd.

"We're bringing the Bowling Center into the 21st century, finally," said Tina Pondy, Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, chief of business operations division. "Making the Bowling Center more fun, so you can do disco bowling type stuff."

The Bowling Center's renovations for this year are costing about \$500,000 with next year's cost coming in around \$350,000.

This year the center is adding a lot of new technology, including air-powered buffer, ball returns, and pinsetters.

The current pinsetters are about 40 years old and break down frequently.

"This will make bowling quicker, more enjoyable," Manager Tim Stancil said. "They're the most modern pinsetters on the market."

The only major change in technology that isn't geared directly toward efficiency is the addition of the buffers.

Currently, the bowling center has only eight buffers, but the plan is to install these buffers on all 24 lanes giving kids more lanes to play on.

According to Stancil, the new pinsetters should be in by Aug. 9 and the center will throw a big celebration during the week of Sept. 24-30. The reconstruction slated for next year is more cosmetic.

The center will undergo a major change in design, both inside and out.

These changes will make bowling more appealing to a younger crowd.

"There is very little open bowling, because it's all league stuff," Pondy said.

"(Soon), we can do the flashy lights and loud music that appeals to young Soldiers and kids, but not to the league bowlers," Pondy said. "(This will) keep both clientele happy, because they are equally important."

The changes are scheduled during a down-time for league bowling, but availability for open bowling will be limited during the reconstruction.

Please call 791-3446 to make sure lanes are available.

Though the bowling center is augmenting its smoke-free, family atmosphere, the Bingo Palace is moving in a different

direction.

Next year the palace will add about 6,000 square feet to specifically accommodate smokers. The area will utilize the negative air system, which acts as a filter for the smoking room preventing any second-hand smoke from reaching non-smokers.

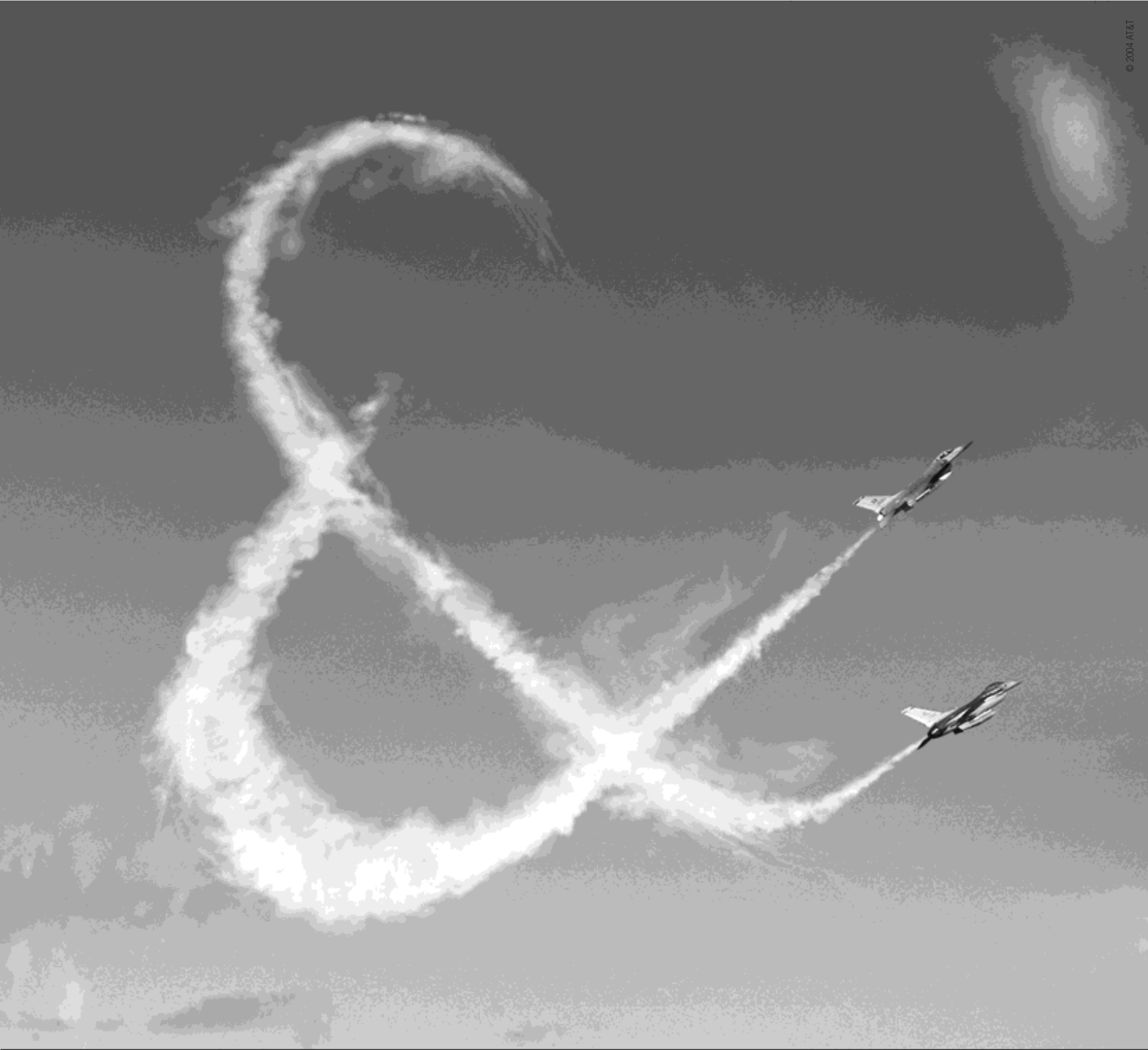
"You won't see the haze you see in other bingo places," Pondy said.

"(The system) pulls the smoke out, making it a safer environment for smokers and non-smokers," added Pondy.

According to Pondy, the Bingo Palace is the largest revenue earner in the Army.

Pulling in over \$10 million a year, \$2.5 million of which goes into DMWR projects.

"We can't do the things we do...like building a new hunting lodge," Pondy said. "It's why Fort Gordon is the 'haves' and the rest are 'have-nots,' because of the bingo program."



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Community Events

The School Yard

School in session

The first day of school for Columbia County schools is **Aug. 5**; the first day of school for Richmond County is **Aug. 9**.



Child seat checkup

SafeKids of Georgia, the Regimental Noncommissioned Officer Academy and the Installation Safety Office is having a child safety seat checkpoint in the commissary parking lot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Saturday**. Inspections are free.

For information, call 791-7233.

Showtime

Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers presents Showtime at Fort Gordon 6:30 p.m. **Aug. 18** at Alexander Hall. Admission is \$2 per person.

Final audition is 9 a.m. **Saturday** at BOSS headquarters.

For information, call 790-7373.

Airborne convention

The 101st Airborne Division Association National Convention will be held in Hampton, Va., **Wednesday** to **Aug. 8**, at the Hampton Holiday Inn and Convention Center.

This is the 59th annual reunion and features various activities around the Hampton Roads/Tidewater area.

For information, call Jim Shamblen at (757) 838-5654 or e-mail slick77@cox.net.

Auditions

Auditions for Neil Simon's Barefoot in the Park are 7:30 p.m. **Aug. 9** at the Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre.

Parts are available for four men and two women ages 25-60. Backstage help for set construction, lighting and crew is also available.

Show dates are Sept. 10-25. For information, call Steve Walpert at 791-4389 or go to www.fortgordon.com.

Dinner show

The Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre presents "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" **today** and **Saturday**, and **Aug. 6, 7, 12, 13** and **14**.

Dinner begins at 7 p.m., the show begins at 8 p.m.

Tickets cost \$33 for civilians, \$31 for seniors, retirees, DoD civilians, and E-8 and above, \$21 for E-7 and below, and \$16 for the show only.

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Call 791-2205 for information.

Employmentworkshop

Tools of Employment is held

from 9-11 a.m. the first and third **Monday** of each month in Darling Hall.

Tools of Employment covers the three facets of seeking employment; resume writing, job searching and interview skills.

Call 791-3579 to register.

New parent support group

The Family Advocacy New Parent Support Program is recruiting new members to participate in a playgroup.

The groups meet from 10-

11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Youth Services, Building 45400.

We are also recruiting parents who are interested in participating in the infant group (two months to 15 months of age).

Registration is required and parents must provide a copy of each child's immunization record.

For information, call 791-3579/0794.

Bariatric support group

The Bariatric Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. the **second Tuesday** of each month at Eisenhower Army Medical Center in the hospital auditorium on the first floor; the meeting begins at 7 p.m.

The group is open to pre-op and post-op patients, and anyone interested in learning about the surgery. Call Florrie Cox at 595-8330 for information.

Fort Gordon REPORT



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Watching out for hot weather injuries

Pfc. Armando Monroig
Signal staff

It has been a long, hot summer and Soldiers on post undoubtedly have experienced the warmer weather – at physical training or just walking around post.

The consistently high temperatures are a signal that Soldiers need to guard against the summer months climate injuries.

Heat injuries are just that – injuries caused by the body overheating.

Heat injuries normally occur when a person is exposed to extreme heat and does not replenish enough fluids to compensate for loss through perspiration.

Army field manual 21-11 highlights several types of heat injuries and their treatments.

According to FM 21-11 they are heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Heat cramps are characterized by muscle cramps of the arms, legs and abdomen, excessive sweating and thirst.

Heat exhaustion is characterized by profuse sweating with pale, moist, cool skin, headache, weakness, dizziness, loss of appetite, heat cramps, nausea, chills, rapid breathing, tingling of the hands and feet, and confusion.

Symptoms for heat stroke include flushed, hot-dry skin and most of the same symptoms as heat exhaustion, in addition to loss of consciousness, seizures, and weak and rapid pulse and breathing.

Although treatment of

these injuries is essential for survival, it is just as essential to prevent the injury.

Taking the proper precautions is the only way to safeguard against being a casualty of heat injuries, said Sgt. Danielle Stephens, noncommissioned-officer-in-charge of environmental health at Eisenhower Army Medical Center.

“Try to stay in the shade as much as possible,” said Stephens, who is responsible for teaching a course on heat injury prevention to cadre members.

Drinking water and water substitutes like Gatorade to help replenish water and electrolytes in the body is key in heat injury prevention, she said.

Although staying hydrated is an important part of preventing heat injuries, Stephens warns people to not drink too much water.

“What happens a lot is that people are so aware of it (heat injuries) they’re drinking too much water,” she said, and that may lead to another problem: water intoxication.

She said it is difficult to tell when someone is suffering from water intoxication because it mimics some of the same symptoms of heat stroke.

A good way to identify dehydration said Stephens, is

by looking at urine color.

“A healthy urine is like a straw-yellow, hay colored,” she said.

Dark or discolored urine is a warning sign of dehydration. If it is completely clear, said Stephens, is good but should not be so too long.

While working outdoors, contrary to what many might think, Stephens said Soldiers need to keep battle dress uniform sleeves down because it is vital in keeping the body cool.

“Button down the last button so as to allow for airflow,” she said. “Anytime Soldiers are training with Kevlars or body armor – take it off from time to time. Allow Soldiers to wear their

softcaps if at all possible”

Heat categories provide guidelines for working in the heat. The categories can be obtained from the Preventative Medicine office or Range Control.

In order to calculate the heat index an instrument called a wet-bulb is used. A wet-bulb takes three temperatures: extreme heat, ambient temperature and moisture. These are combined to determine the heat index.

Stephens said once the heat category reaches a level three, IOC, the emergency

room at EAMC, hospital troop command, and DPTMS are informed. They continue to be informed as the heat category rises.

Soldiers working in body armor and mission oriented protective posture gear need to be especially careful since wearing this gear automatically raises the heat index by 10 points for them.

Replenishing sodium is also important, said Stephens, adding that eating salt crackers is a good way to do this.

Other tips on preventing heat injuries are to snack throughout the course of the day and not to eat a heavy meal during the hottest part of the day.

Stephens said there are several groups at greater risk of becoming a heat injury casualty.

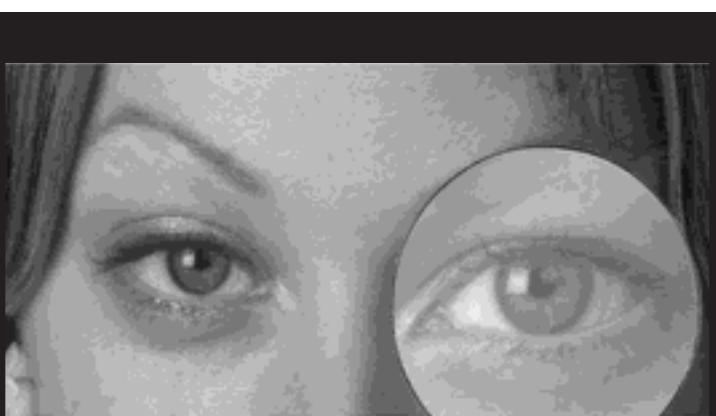
The elderly, children, animals, and those who take any kind of medication (that may cause dehydration) are susceptible to heat injuries, she said.

Also smokers, those over 40 years of age, overweight, in poor health (cold, allergies, diabetes, depression), beer drinkers and caffeine drinkers may be more susceptible.

Other types of heat injuries to try to prevent are heat rash and sunburn, although they are not considered life threatening.

Another way to prevent heat injuries is acclimatization, said Stephens.

“Soldiers new to an area need at least two weeks to get acclimatized to the heat,” she said.



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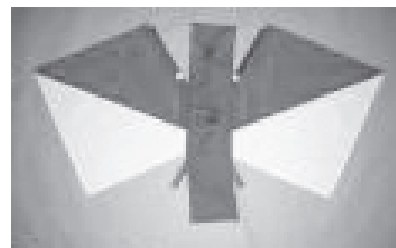
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Soldiers from 18 nations have come to the Baltics for training. The opening ceremony for the RESCUER / MEDCEUR was held July 20 in Aluksne, Latvia.

Major exercise underway in Baltic states

Sgt. 1st Class
Jeffrey Mullett

ALUKSNE, Latvia — U.S. Soldiers launched an international military exercise July 20 at an army base in Eastern Latvia. The RESCUER / MEDCEUR exercise will continue until the end of July in Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania, three of NATO's newest members.

"This is a U.S. European Command effort to familiarize partner nations with multinational operations," said Lt. Col. Jon Dahms, the exercise spokesman. "The three Baltic nations are hosting the exercise, which is directed by U.S. Army Europe.

This exercise marks the first major military training event for the Baltic States since becoming part of NATO in March, officials said. The three nations also recently became part of the European Union, said Col. Michael McDaniel, a Michigan National Guard officer who leads the multi-national task force.

Troops from Germany, Poland, Romania, Moldova, Ukraine, Georgia, Bulgaria, Armenia, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania and Azerbaijan will join U.S. Soldiers in the 15-

day exercise.

Soldiers from the 7th Army Reserve Command, headquartered in Schwetzingen, Germany, and five other Army Reserve units are supporting the exercise, officials said.

"This is a complex operation with a lot of moving parts,"

McDaniel said in his address during the opening ceremony July 20.

From the task force headquarters near Aluksne, the computer-driven scenario will challenge the multi-national staff to react to manmade disasters.

The exercise then leaps into real world training, with mass casualty exercises in Lithuania and a diving operation in Estonia. Polish and Estonian soldiers will also conduct a helicopter search and rescue exercise near Tapa, Estonia.

In addition, U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers will also work with Lithuanian Soldiers to renovate an orphanage in Klapeida and build a trestle

bridge to allow yearlong access for Klapeida's rural residents to cross a flood plain.

U.S. Army Reserve troops from the 368th Engineer Battalion in New Hampshire are helping the Lithuanians install new windows in the orphanage and renovate the dining hall.

The 330th Combat Support Hospital from Tennessee is also in Klapeida working with medical personnel from 11 other nations respond to mass casualty events as part of the

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exercise.

Capt. Ilmars Lesinskis, commander of the Latvian Navy, spoke to the troops at the ceremony about the importance of training together.

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DoD reached agreement on moving U.S. Forces in Korea

United States
Department of Defense
News Release

WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense announced July 23 that representatives of the Republic of Korea and the United States finalized agreements to relocate all U.S. Forces from the Seoul Metropolitan Area to the Pyongtaek area.

The decision was reached during the 10th round of the Future of the Alliance talks held in Washington D.C. this week.

The agreement fulfills a commitment made by President Bush and President Roh at their summit meeting in Washington in May 2003.

There are approximately 8,000 U.S. servicemembers in the Seoul Metropolitan Area. The relocation of U.S. forces out of Seoul will be completed by December 2008.

U.S. and ROK representatives also finalized amendments to the Land Partnership Plan that allow for the eventual relocation of 2nd Infantry Division from its existing camps north of Seoul to enduring facilities in the Pyongtaek area, approximately 50 miles south of Seoul.

A final decision on the timing of the 2nd Infantry Division relocation will be decided by the respective national leaders at a later date, taking careful account of the political, economic and security situation on the peninsula and in Northeast Asia.

"This relocation agreement helps us meet our enduring commitment to the defense of Korea and to the security and stability of the region," said Richard Lawless, the U.S. deputy under secretary of defense for Asia Pacific affairs.



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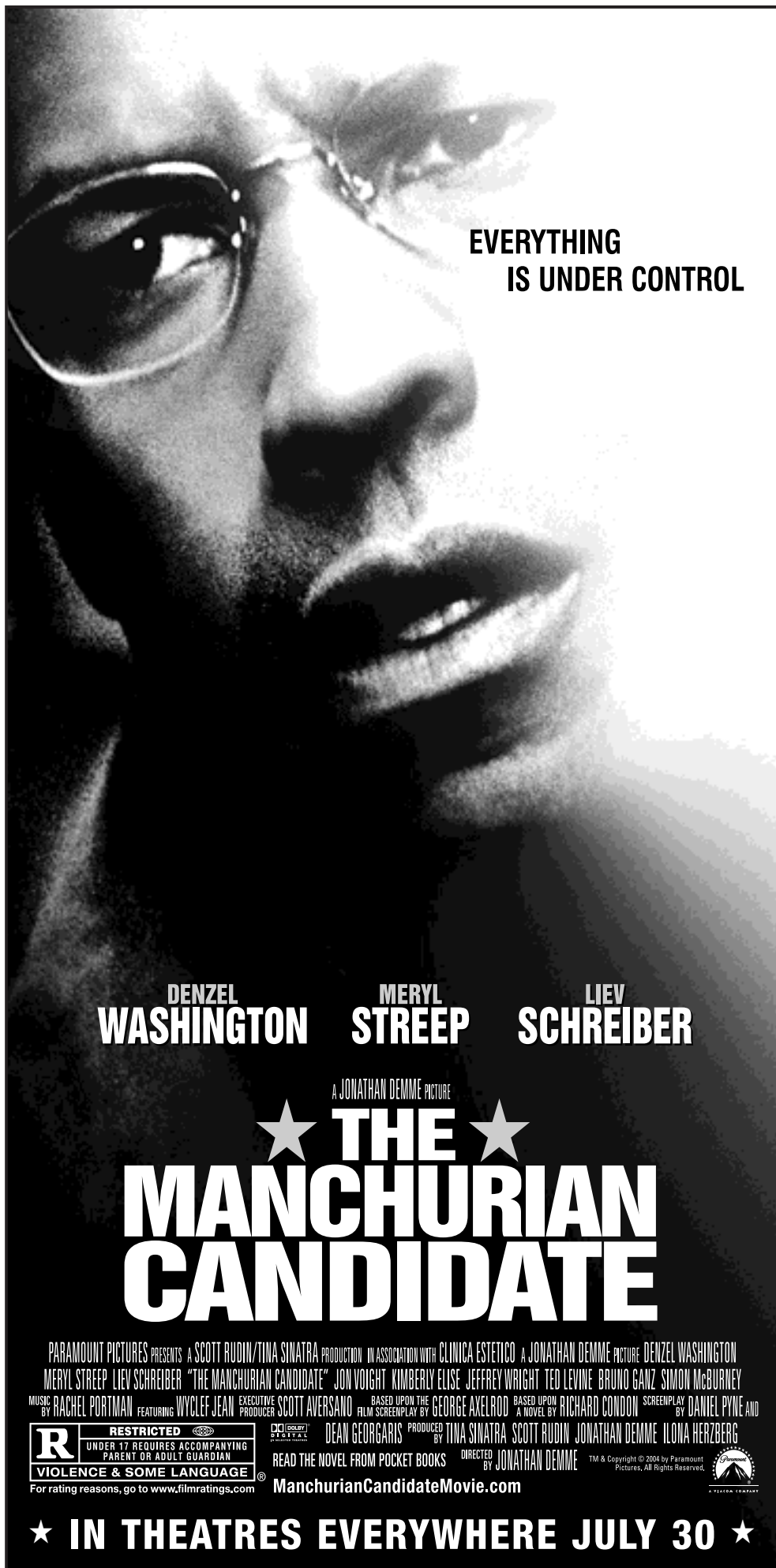
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Soldiers, civilians recognized

Linda Means
Public Affairs Office

Fort Gordon Soldiers, civilians and volunteers of the month were recognized in a ceremony Thursday in Alexander Hall. They are:

The **Cook of the Quarter** is Spc. Keldric Kears, who is assigned as a food service specialist in the 201st Military Intelligence Battalion. In this position, he ensures the servicemembers and other guests receive three nutritionally balanced and eye-appealing meals daily, while striving to satisfy their appetites. He is responsible for the control and reporting of all cash receipts, as well as preparing production schedules and various other administrative responsibilities.

He hopes to eventually become a food service instructor at Fort Lee, Virginia. He enjoys cooking his favorite foods (spaghetti, sweet potato pie and cheesecake) for his wife Cecily. Together, they have plans to open a family child-care business. He hopes to help make the business more successful by furthering his education and has chosen to do that by attending classes in his off-duty time at Augusta Technical College.



The **Volunteer of the Month for April** is Carrie Raney, who has volunteered in support of Fort Gordon programs for over three years. Currently, the majority of her volunteer time is devoted to Eisenhower Army Medical Center's Health Services Auxiliary for which she is serving as the philanthropy chair. In this position, she researches and locates ways the Auxiliary can enhance the mission of all medical organizations on post. She is the morale and welfare chairman for the Family and Community Medicine Department, organizing activities to build and maintain cohesiveness between staff and family members.

Serving on the HSA golf tournament committee, she helps to raise money for Fisher House, assists with Christmas House, besides numerous other volunteer activities in the local community. She and her husband, Cpt. Patrick Raney, M.D. have two children – Abigail and Drew.

Once her children are in school full time, Ms. Raney plans to continue her professional career in management in the health and wellness industry.



The **Instructor of the Quarter** is Staff Sgt. Joseph Taylor, who is assigned to A Company, 447th Signal Battalion as an instructor/writer. In the past year alone, he has taught over 300 students about the various tactical and strategic satellite communications terminals.

When he isn't on the platform teaching, he updates lessons plans and ensures the information is up to date with current equipment.

Apparently, his students look up to him, because when they are asked how big he is, they answer, "Six, two, 245 pounds."

Hoping to maintain this status, this past month, he began preparing to become a drill sergeant and looks forward to shaping and training new recruits.

Following in his father's footsteps, he has spent almost 12 years in the Army, with five of those years here at Fort Gordon.

His plans are to return here as a first sergeant and obtain a masters degree in psychology, while continuing to be the best husband and father ever to his wife, Christina and their two children – Christopher and Madison.



The **Volunteer of the Month for May** is Shirley Kado, who has volunteered on Fort Gordon since 1984.

She currently serves as the outreach coordinator for the Bicentennial Chapel, coordinating distribution of welcome packets and devotional material to newcomers. She has served in many leadership positions with the Protestant Women of the Chapel, impacting the lives of countless female soldiers and wives of retired and active duty personnel.

Since 1986, Ms. Kado has served as the volunteer director of Fort Gordon's celebrated "Living Last Supper" dramatization.

The play is not only presented twice on post but is also presented in four nursing homes, senior living facilities and churches.

She volunteers at least 200 hours each year on this production alone.

She also touches the lives of individuals in the Central Savannah River Area with her work with a shelter for abused women and children.

She and her husband Maj. (Ret.) Herbert Kado have three children – Angela Dickens, Theresa Graham and Deon Kado.



The **Servicemember of the Quarter** is Sgt. Lora Pate, who is assigned to the 201st Military Intelligence Battalion as an electronic warfare signal intelligence analyst. Serving in this position for the past two years, she intercepts foreign radio transmissions and relays that information by producing combat, strategic and tactical intelligence reports in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

A native of Middleburg Heights, Ohio, Sgt. Pate joined the Army to gain direction and purpose in her life.

She has already accomplished this as witnessed by her recent promotion to sergeant. She is now looking ahead to achieving her future goal of being promoted to a staff sergeant next year, while re-enlisting for her station of choice in Europe.

She will receive her bachelor's degree in business administration this summer from Excelsior College and will begin work on her master's degree in criminal justice at the University of Cincinnati in the fall.

When she isn't studying, she enjoys watching movies, watching and playing all kinds of sports and reading.



Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Freddie O'Neal is the **Volunteer of the Month for June**. He is a member of the Faith Gospel Service, where he has volunteered since 1995 working to improve and provide the congregation's programs.

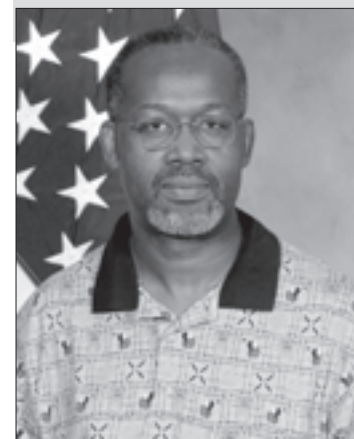
This year, alone, he has volunteered well over 500 hours.

Sgt. Maj. O'Neal has served in numerous positions in the congregation, including president of the Advisory Council, vice president of the Men's Ministry, liaison for the Protestant Men of the Chapel which supports prison outreach and building and grounds coordinator - just to mention a few.

He is currently the chairperson for the Deacon and Baptismal Ministries and serves as a deacon and advisor for 13 ministries.

He spent 30 years in the military before retiring and becoming a student at Southern Wesleyan University, where he is working towards his Bachelor of Science degree in business administration.

He and his wife, Sharon, have four children – Sharolyn, Shalonda, Tamara and Frederick.



The **Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter** is Staff Sgt. Moises Robles, who is a drill sergeant for C Company, 551st Signal Battalion. He finds being a drill sergeant very rewarding, helping to train and shape the careers of newly assigned advanced individual training students. He is currently in charge of a platoon of 50 soldiers who manage to keep him very busy.

Before volunteering for drill sergeant duty, he worked as an information systems analyst at the Eighth Army in Yongsan, Korea, and at U.S. Southern Command in Miami. Before joining the Signal Corps, Staff Sgt. Robles served as a 19k armor crewmember at Fort Stewart, Georgia. He has always wanted to be a Soldier and plans to retire only when he reaches the rank of sergeant major. While serving in the Army, he plans to continue his pursuit of his bachelor's degree in computer science. He has two children – Moises, Jr. and Michael.



The **Civilian of the Quarter** is Lynn Harshman, who is the installation's Army Volunteer Corps coordinator. In this position, she coordinates all aspects of the volunteer program, which includes recruitment, training, retention, recognition and program management. This is no easy task considering the total number of volunteers on post annually exceeds 3,400. She is the manager for the Army Family Team Building Program and trains instructors and volunteers and develops classroom and Internet training for family members.

She serves as the Army Family Action Plan Program manager, soliciting quality of life issues from the military community for resolution by the command, and through her work with Christmas House, military members are able to provide their families with a traditional winter holiday celebration. Ms. Harshman began her association with Fort Gordon as a volunteer prior to assuming her current paid position.

In 1987, she was recognized as the Fort Gordon and TRADOC Volunteer of the Year.

Setting the standard for volunteering, she couldn't help but to instill the importance of volunteering in her children and their spouses – Anthony, Lon and Marlene, Jamie and Hale and Lisa.



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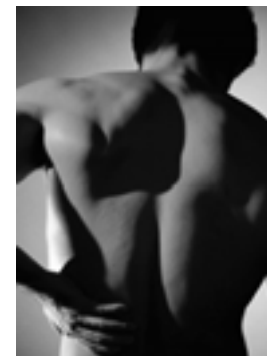
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Chaplains celebrate anniversary

(From left to right) Maj. Gen. Janet Hicks, U.S. Signal Center and Fort Gordon commanding general, Chaplain's Assistant Pfc. Chevon Powell, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, US Army Garrison, Fort Gordon, and Col. Richard Goellen, Fort Gordon installation chaplain, cut a cake in celebration of the 229th anniversary of the chaplains corps during festivities held behind the installation chaplains' office Friday. Hicks spoke at the event thanking the chaplains for all their hard work and the support they provide to Soldiers. Games, food, a water slide for kids, and a petting zoo were part of the event with about 200 people attending.

Charlie Rock maintains stability in Tikrit

Sgt. 1st Class Harvey Cole
USAREUR PAO

TIKRIT, Iraq - About 160 kilometers northwest of Baghdad, overlooking the Tigris River, are palaces that once offered comfort to former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein.

Outside the walls of these towering sand colored buildings lies the city of Tikrit, Hussein's hometown.

In an ironic twist of fate, what once was a vacation spot for the former dictator now could be a model for Iraqis in the development of life in the post-Saddam era.

"This city is one of the better examples of how Iraq can work and that's bad for the bad guys," said 1st Lt. Bret Boyd, 3rd platoon leader for Company C, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. "Outside of Baghdad, Tikrit is the political capital of Iraq."

Boyd said Saddam's government came from Tikrit, a town that was always rich. "A lot of Saddam's governors were his cronies from his hometown, so seeing stability in Tikrit is bad for the bad guys."

"I know we are doing a good job in Tikrit and things are getting done. We are just trying to help rebuild the country and make it better for the Iraqi people," said Pfc. Joshua Oliver, 3rd platoon radiotelephone operator.

"When we first got here we were getting attacked a lot more often, but I think because we are a tough unit and we are always in the city with a show of force, the enemy hasn't been attacking us as much," said the Chattanooga, Tenn., native.

"We are definitely making a difference," said Boyd. "The people have come ridiculously far from when we first got here. Initially when we would go on patrol people would throw rocks at us and kids would make faces at us as we drove around."

Although these initial reactions weren't favorable, the Soldiers of 3rd platoon continued to fill their role. It took a while, but through time, observation and the ability to prove the Soldiers were in country to help, a sense of trust has been built between them and the Iraqi people.

When they went into the insurgency fight, the people in the city were watching to see what they the Soldiers would do and how they handled the missions, said Boyd. "The key is that you've got to get out there and make contact with people, conduct raids and hit targets. Then you've got to do this without killing civilians, without ticking people off, without destroying the town."

"When the people see that



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Harvey Cole

Soldiers from 3rd platoon, Company C, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment conduct driving patrols through the streets of Tikrit to continue the show of force and support for the citizens.

(you are helping) they'll support you," said the Newport Beach, Calif., native. Now Iraqis are seeing what security can be versus what it once was and that makes a difference to the support being given to the Soldiers.

"When we drive around now there is a big difference, now we've got people giving us information and telling us things like where bombs and suspects can be found," said Boyd.

"The ING and Police Force have come around a whole lot since we've gotten here."

1st Lt. Bret Boyd

"There are two ways to find an improvised explosive device ... one is if it blows up, second is if you find it," said Boyd. "The preferred method is to find it and having these people help is tremendous. There are times seven-year-old kids will tell you there is boom-boom down the street."

Boyd's positive outlook is tempered with caution, and the knowledge there is still work to be done.

"While there are people trying to do the right thing, there are still cells of insurgents holding on to the ways of the old regime and strong-arming those who wish to help.

"One of the more difficult things we're trying to combat is the bully picking on those wanting to do the right thing," said Boyd.

When it happens to the Soldiers it is easy to fix because it becomes a battle drill. "We've gotten pretty good at those, but the challenge comes when it happens to the people and they are getting bombs thrown in their yard ... they feel threatened ...

they become scared to come talk to us. We are trying to figure out how these intimidator-type groups work so we can put a stop to them," he said.

One of the ways the infantrymen are combating the bully factor is by providing a bit of extra security for the informants. "We'll provide watch over the houses of those people who are attacked a lot," said Boyd.

The Soldiers need the informants to assist in making Tikrit safe for everyone. Boyd and his platoon talk to the residents of Tikrit.

"You need to find people you can trust, so that they'll trust you so you can engage (the insurgents), so informants tell you when things are going on. That's when you'll find stuff," he said.

Following the transfer of authority, the local Iraqi National Guard has a new mandate. The 1st ID's continued presence enables them to concentrate on their jobs.

When 3rd platoon arrived, the Iraqi National Guard soldiers would quit every two or three weeks.

"Before they were here just for a paycheck and when something would get difficult they would just quit," said Boyd. "Now we've got a bunch of good guys and they are building some continuity and a cadre of their own."

"They've basically taken our Primary Leadership Development Course outline and have developed a cadre of their own based on the training received," he said.

"The ING and Police Force have come around a whole lot since we've gotten here. They are taking all the stuff we are training them with, applying it to their daily service and they are now seeing this as their fight," said Boyd.

"They aren't seeing themselves as a subsidiary to the American forces around here. They are seeing this more as their thing and we are trying to take that relationship

and form it so we can say, 'hey this is your fight. We are here to teach, mentor and support you guys when we can, but Iraq can only be successful if you guys are at the helm.' It has been kind of fun to watch this thing come around," he said.

As the Iraqi people continue to take on more responsibility the Soldier has to battle more than the enemy to stay alive.

"One of the most difficult things about this fight is complacency," said Boyd. "You will go out the gate over 100 times and nothing happens except smiling kids, people waving at you, but all it takes is for one guy to lose concentration and be focused on something other than the mission and that same person waving at you is trying to kill you."

"But the leadership keeps us focused, we've got good leaders who keep telling us everyday to stay focused on the mission," he said.

"I understand and trust what we are doing here. We've got a good team here that tells me every day what we are doing down here and they sell me (on it). So it's understanding the role and keeping everyone focused," he added.

"The main reason I stay motivated and focused is because my brothers in arms are over here getting shot daily and my job is to ensure it doesn't happen," said Oliver.

"A lot of things run through my mind when getting ready, going on and after a patrol ... but my training helps me stay focused when we are in the city. When out in the city I stay focused by keeping watch on my mission, scanning my sector and staying focused to get the jump on the enemy instead of him getting the jump on me," he added.

Getting that jump on the enemy may be the key to the continuing successes of the Soldiers involved in this mission, a mission that will affect lives for years to come.

God's role in leadership

Chaplain (Maj.)
Mark Awdykowyz
Resource Manager

Is it confident leadership or is it arrogance?

Have you ever asked yourself that question—you know, "When does a leader's confidence become arrogance?"

We probably know people who have solid leadership skills and communicate great confidence.

But is it confidence or arrogance?

In a balance that acknowledges his or her identity and self-esteem, great leadership maintains confidence with humility.

Numerous leaders have made their mark in history. King David, for instance, was one of the outstanding leaders of biblical history.

Although he committed the sin of murder and adultery, displayed terrible parenting skills and was labeled a man of bloodshed, he was also called by God as a man after God's heart.

With that resume, let's consider Psalm 8 as David utilized a simple three-fold approach to his leadership.

Admit your own weakness and humanity.

"When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have ordained, what is man that you take thought of him, and the son of man that you care for him (vv3-4)?"

We should realize that in lieu of the vastness of the galaxies, mankind accounts for a very small part.

Within the scope of the

universe, I play a very, very tiny and comparably insignificant role. I am a nobody until I allow God to make me somebody.

Recognize your God-given position and privileges.

"Yet you have made him a little lower than God, and you crown him with glory and honor.

You make him to rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet (v5-6)."

God has made mankind a bit lower than Himself. Any position we have is a result of God's sovereign plan.

The awesome privilege of having dominion over the works of God's hands is a recognition of God's grace and an exercise in humility—what an awesome position of privilege!

Maintain a balance by giving God all the glory. "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth (v9)."

Psalm 8 closes exactly as it begins.

Why? The focus is to magnify God and ascribe all the good that comes from life and leadership to him alone.

So, is it confident leadership or arrogance?

Look at the way David understood his role as the King of Israel.

We have weaknesses and are indeed human, our position is a God-given privilege, and God receives all the glory—not us.

The next time you are poised with the opportunity to lead, consider your God-given role by maintaining confidence with humility.

Chapel Call

Collective Protestant Services

Sunday

9:00 a.m. • Liturgical Service, Bicentennial Chapel
9:00 a.m. • Community Contemporary Soldiers Service, Friendship Chapel
10:30 a.m. • Eisenhower Army Medical Center Chapel
11 a.m. • Gospel Service at Signal Theatre
11 a.m. • Bicentennial Chapel
11 a.m. • Friendship Chapel

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11:45 a.m. Monday thru Friday, Eisenhower Army Med Ctr. Chapel
12:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday, Good Shepherd Chapel
3:30 p.m. Saturday, Confessions, Good Shepherd Chapel
5 p.m. Saturday, Vigil Mass, Good Shepherd Chapel

Sunday Masses

8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., Good Shepherd Chapel
11:45 a.m. Eisenhower Army Medical Center Chapel

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For more information, call CPO (Ret.) Marshall Abuwi 772-4303

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LDS representative is Sergeant 1st Class (retired) Scott Robison, 533-0376. Apostolic Pentecostal's representative is Chaplain Snyder, 791-4683.

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Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 28414
Bicentennial Chapel

Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Devotional Luncheon, Bicentennial Chapel, Bldg. 28414

Wednesday, 9:00 a.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 28414

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Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Signal Theatre, Faith Community Bible Study

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Friendship Chapel Bible Study

Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. 63rd & 67th SIG BN Bible Study, Contact Chaplain

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Good Shepherd Chapel (Catholic), 791-2945
Faith Community Chapel Activities 791-4703 (during duty hours)
Barnes Avenue Friendship Chapel, 791-2056
Eisenhower Army Medical Center Chapel, 787-6667

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Robots put distance between troops, danger

K.L. Vantran
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — U.S. troops are using remote-controlled assistants to find and disable improvised explosive devices in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The Omni-Directional Inspection System, ODIS, searches the underside of vehicles for improvised explosive devices and can see things a hand-held mirror doesn't, said Bill Smuda, a research engineer with the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center, in Warren, Mich.

Another device, the Percussion-Actuated Non-electric Disruptor, uses a high velocity of water to disable improvised explosive devices, noted David Kowachek, project engineer with the center.

The PAN Disruptor can be mounted on a small unmanned ground vehicle, such as a Talon, to give explosives experts access via remote control to suspected bomb sites.

Both remote-controlled vehicles allow troops to do their jobs from a distance.

Examples of both vehicles were on display in the Russell Senate Office Building here July 23.

ODIS stands about four inches high, weighs 40 pounds and is like a "hovercraft on wheels," said Smuda.

"It can move in circles or go sideways," added Smuda.

The operator can be up to 100 meters away from the vehicle being inspected as he maneuvers the robot underneath the chassis.

"Robotics is a good tool to save people's lives," said Smuda.

"It gets kids out of harm's way," added Smuda.

It gets Soldiers out of the line of fire, out of the blast zone," Smuda added.

The controls for the robot are portable.

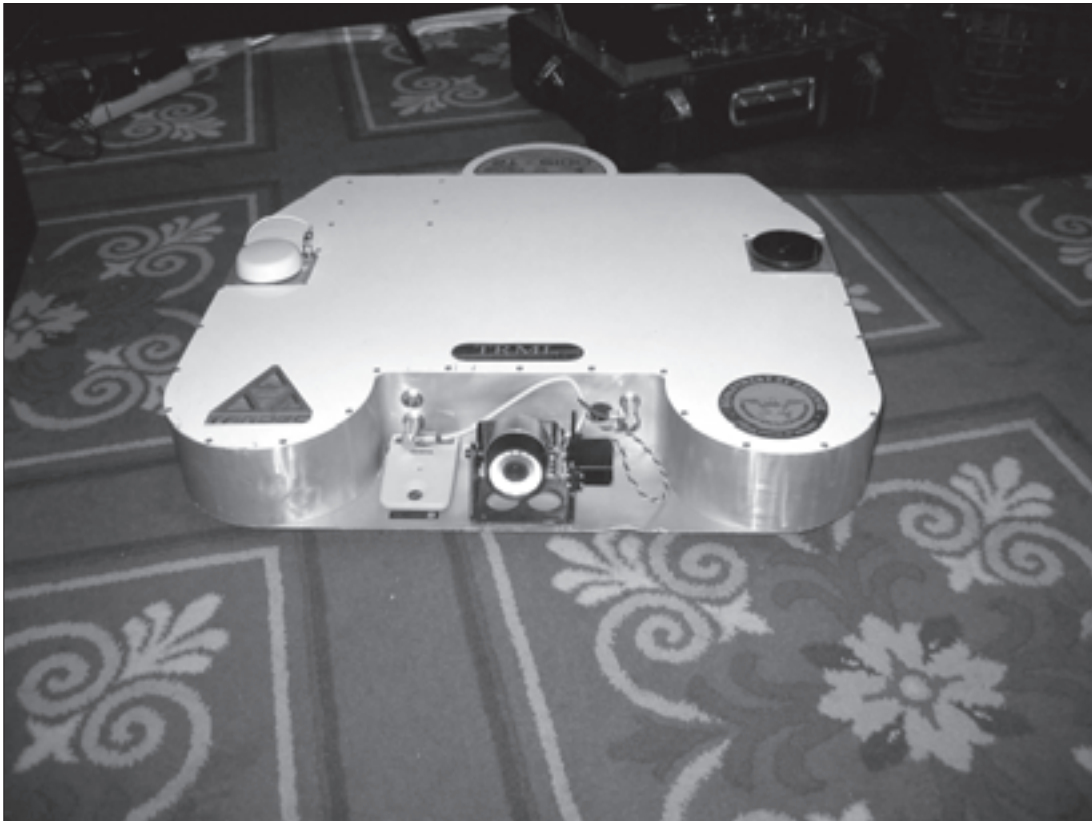
The control panel may be strapped to the operator's leg, while the case for the small video screen, which shows images from the robot, can be worn as a vest.

Smuda and coworkers recently spent two months in Iraq and Afghanistan testing and making some refinements to the system.

They trained 40 Soldiers on how to operate the robot. After about a half-day of hands-on training, Smuda said, the Soldiers get a good feeling for operating the small robot.

"They learn what to look for — especially clean areas, especially dirty areas, loose wires," he added.

The Talon, which



The remote-controlled robot Omni-Directional Inspection System is designed to search under vehicles for explosive devices. It stands about four inches high and weighs about 40 pounds.

weighs about 80 pounds, can hold up to seven cameras that feed images back to screens on a control box. The range of the robot varies with the environment, noted Kowachek. "On flat terrain, Soldiers can be as far as a mile away."

The Talon also has lights to enhance night maneuvers and is quite rugged, he added. "It can climb rocks, go through sand and mud."

There are about 50 Talons with the mounted disruptor in theater now, said Kowachek.

Although the Talon is one of the larger unmanned ground vehicles, the engineer said the Soldiers like it. "It does what they need it to do," he added.

The remote-controlled robot allows troops to investigate suspected explosive devices while minimizing the danger.

"It keeps troops away from vehicles or from being lured into places where they could be shot at by snipers," said Kowachek.



Lonnie Freiburger, a computer engineer with the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center, wears the controls for the Omni-Directional Inspection System, ODIS.

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The Armed Forces Financial Network (AFFN) has donated \$1,500 to the Pentagon Federal Credit Union Foundation to further the organization's work combating the abuses of payday lending targeted at members of the U.S. armed forces.

The grant is earmarked for the Asset Recovery Kit (ARK) initiative that combines alternative low-cost, short-term loans with credit counseling.

"We are fortunate to have been a recipient of AFFN's

Charitable Matching Grant Program," said Roderick Mitchell, foundation president. "Too many military personnel and their families find themselves not making their hard-earned pay stretch from month-to-month resulting in borrowing from payday predators. ARK was established to help assist and educate."

"We are very pleased to grant money to the foundation," said David O. Weber, President and CEO of AFFN. "Programs like ARK exemplify our commitment to our

military community."

The Pentagon Federal Credit Union Foundation was founded in 2001 to promote financial literacy to U.S. servicemen and women and to fight the abusive practices of payday lenders who prey on America's men and women in uniform and their families. Since then the Foundation has expanded its work to include helping wounded Soldiers and their families.

Mitchell structured the foundation with a singular goal: "These superb young

people are joining our armed forces and laying their lives on the line for us. They deserve the best we can give them. We are building and fostering financial literacy for all our military members — we give them all we can in exchange for their service to our country.

AFFN is a blue chip partner that understands and responds to their needs"

For additional information about the Pentagon Federal Credit Union Foundation please visit their web site at www.pentagonfoundation.org.



Photo by Jennifer Chipman

Pardon our dust

Eisenhower Army Medical Center is currently building a new office to house its Provost Marshal's Office. The 700 square foot security center is designed to improve security in the medical center and is scheduled to be complete in January 2005. During construction the entrances to the Emergency Department and the Internal Medicine Clinic will remain accessible. The Medical Center apologizes for any inconvenience this construction may cause its patients, visitors and staff.

Memorial

From page 1



Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig
Family and friends watch a slide presentation of photos of Spc. Marisa Lau during a memorial ceremony held at the Friendship Chapel Monday.

Todd hopes she made a difference in Lau's life as she had done for her in so many ways.

"She was such a good confidant, roommate and friend," said Todd.

My life will be forever changed because she was a part of it," said Todd.

Spc. Eric Swords, Lau's husband, bravely approached the podium and spoke to the congregation about his wife, how they met in an encounter while driving on Gordon Highway and what she meant to him.

He recounted the time they spent together in Panama, where they grew closer together.

"She opened me up to a world I never even thought of," said Swords adding that she lived life with a sense of purpose.

He closed his remarks by thanking everyone for attending the memorial and reminding everyone of how

precious life is and how we should all take the time to acknowledge our loved ones before it is too late.

Following the testimonials, there was a brief slide show made up of pictures of Lau with family and friends, with most photos displaying the big smile those who knew her best said she always had.

Lau was born in Hong Kong, China on April 16, 1979. She joined the Army on November 8, 2001 and attended basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

She then trained as a 31L, a Wire Systems Installer/Maintainer, during Advanced Individual Training while at Fort Gordon and attended the Antenna Installer Maintenance course.

Lau was assigned to the 518th on April 14, 2002.

System

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England was tapped by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld earlier this year to put NSPS into place.

He added that valuable input has come from a variety of pilot projects, which he called "learning exercises to make sure we've got it right before we start."

England said he expects to publish in the Federal Register proposed regulations for the new civilian human resources, labor-management relations and employee appeals and grievance systems.

The first DoD civilians are expected to come under the new system in summer 2005, and DoD will phase in the system for the next three years, through late 2008, England said.

Despite these projected timetables, England stressed

that the implementation will be "event-driven, not time-driven."

"When we are ready we will do it, and not before," he said. In the meantime, England said DoD is seeking input from all corners to make sure it comes up with the best civilian personnel system possible. "It's a collaborative process, it's not negotiating to an answer," he said. "It is getting input from literally thousands of people around the country and around the world so we can understand their views."

He acknowledged that putting the new system into place while continuing DoD's mission will be a bit of a challenge. "It's a little like maintaining an airplane while it's flying," he said. "The process has to be thoughtful and reasonably measured."



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Paintball

The Fort Gordon Paintball Field is offering the following specials for a limited time:

Saturday special – \$30 includes 500 rounds, gun, mask, field and lunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday special – Buy one \$30 package and get the second package at half price. Price includes 500 rounds, gun, mask and field.

Unit commanders can earn free paintballs for Common Task Testing training or as a fundraiser.

The field, located behind the Courtyard, is open **Wednesday** from 3-8 p.m.; **Saturday** and **Sunday** from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Call 294-7475 Monday through Friday for reservations or information.

Salsa night

The Gordon Club will host **Salsa Night** **today** from 8 p.m. - 2 a.m.

DJs for the event are the Rodriguez Brothers.

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door, and is open to the public. Call 791-2205 for information.

Outdoor recreation

The Army's Clark Hill Recreation Area offers camping, water skiing, fishing, hiking, biking and more. Located just 25 miles from Fort Gordon, the area is open to all ID card holders. For information, call 541-1057.

Block party

Single Servicemember Day 2004 is **Aug. 6** from 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. Basketball, spades, dominos, volleyball, pool, foosball and ball-room boxing tournament. Cost is \$1. For information call 791-7373.

Aerobics

Total body workout. Thirty-minute cardio workout and a 20-minute upper-body work-out. Bring hand weights, a towel and water bottle. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. until completion at Gym 6. For information, call 791-4300.

Kids' night

Enjoy Kids' night at the Courtyard **Aug. 9** from 5-8 p.m. Cost is \$3 per person and includes food, cartoons and games. For information, call 791-5892.

Boss Talent Show

Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers is holding talent show auditions **Saturday** at BOSS Headquarters, Building 28320 at 9:30 a.m. Auditions are open to the public. For more information call 791-7373.

Dinner Theatre Auditions

Auditions for Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park" will be held **Aug. 9** at 7:30 p.m. at the Dinner Theatre. Parts are for four men and two women ages 25 to 60. For more information call 793-8552.

By Tim Hips

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Sgt. John Nunn earned an Olympic berth July 17 with a second-place finish in the 20-kilometer race walk in the 2004 U.S. Olympic Track and Field Team Trials at Sacramento State University.

Nunn, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., completed the early-morning trek in 1 hour, 26 minutes and 23 seconds.

U.S. Air Force Capt. Kevin Eastler, a missile combat crew commander stationed at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyo., also made Team USA for the Athens Games by finishing third in 1:28.49.

New York Athletic Club's Tim Seaman, a three-time national champion and U.S. record-holder in the event, won the race in 1:25:40.

Around the 11-kilometer mark, Nunn pulled away from fourth-place finisher Curt Clausen of NYAC.

"I sensed when Curt fell off of me that if I could just hold this pace, there was a good chance that I could finish in the top three," said Nunn, who later passed Eastler.

"When I went by Kevin, he said: 'I just don't have it today. It's just not working.' At that point, I said to myself, 'I've got it.'

"It doesn't actually hit you until you've finished the race," Nunn said of earning a trip to Athens.

"I was getting a little excited with less than two kilometers to go, and with one kilometer left, my arms started to cramp up. I just tried to relax."

Nunn said he tried everything in his power to catch Seaman.

When he realized the leader was out of reach, Nunn's thoughts turned to his family waiting at the finish line.

His father, Les, a retired Air Force captain, and mother, Jeanie, were there, along with his wife, Leah, and their 5-month-old daughter, Ella.

"I definitely couldn't have done this without my wife," said Nunn, 26, of Evansville, Ind. "She's my biggest supporter, and she's made a lot of sacrifices over the last four years. She's been the ultimate team player."

Nunn also applauded his extended

family in the Army World Class Athlete Program.

"WCAP has bent over backwards with giving me the opportunity to chase my dream and to help make it a reality," he said. "I can't thank them enough."

Nunn said representing the Army will make the trip to Greece extra meaningful.

"It gives me a bigger sense of pride than just representing the country," he said.

"I went to sergeant's school and met guys who had either come back from Iraq or were going over to Iraq. That kind of put some things in real perspective about the opportunity that I've been given within the Army, and that I am obviously still a Soldier first and at any point in time could go when called," said Nunn.

Nunn also senses a need to represent race walkers, a misunderstood group of athletes who use different sets of muscle groups than runners, with one foot always touching the ground.

"It's an oxymoron," explained Nunn, who never has drawn more than one red flag in a race.

"You're trying to keep one foot on the ground at all times and landing the foot with a straight leg," he said.

"With running, you're working your quads and calves by pushing and pumping. With walking, it's all reverse, it's your hamstrings and shins," added Nunn.

"All the while, you're trying to walk as fast as you can, getting down well under seven minutes a mile. It takes a long time to get used to it."

Nunn began race walking as a youngster with his family but said he "despised" the sport.

After playing basketball his freshman year of high school in Indiana, he began running on the track.

He eventually rediscovered race walking and earned a scholarship to the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

Nunn's appreciation for race walking skyrocketed when he began beating runners on a regular basis.

"Some of the road runners get upset and some of them realize it's really not a joke," he said.



Photo by Tim Hips

Sgt. John Nunn reacts to earning an Olympic berth with a second-place finish in the 20-K race walk in the 2004 U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials at Sacramento State University.

With a straight face, Nunn predicted that he'll need outside help to reach the Olympic podium Aug. 20 when he competes against the world's best.

"I think it would have to be on my best day and everyone else's worst day," he said.

"It's going to be extremely tough with my personal-best of 1:22:31; I

top person in the world is walking 1:17, so they are going well under four-minute [per kilometer] pace. I'm just hoping that I'm well in the middle of the group," said Nunn.

Nunn trains with Seaman and Clausen at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif.

"John's a great competitor," Seaman said. "He's a tremendous athlete and he has tremendous potential. You can never count out John."

"He will represent us very well in Athens," Clausen concluded.

Tim Hips writes for the U.S. Army Community and Family Support System.



Photo by Pfc. Armando Monroig

Pro athlete sighting ...

Brandon Lynch, a rookie safety for the National Football League's Tennessee Titans, talks to a group of 60 Fort Gordon kids at the Youth Services Center gymnasium July 21. Lynch, a Hephzibah High School graduate, talked about setting goals for themselves and striving to achieve dreams. He wanted to let them know that like him they too can achieve success in their lives. "If you shoot for the moon and you miss it -- you'll land on a star," he said to them. Both Lynch's parents were in the Army.

Coaching, Referee Courses available

The Columbia County Patriots will host the United States Soccer Federation "R9" Entry Level Referee Course August 13-14 at Patriots Park off Columbia Road.

The 'R9' course enables referees to officiate Under-14 and younger Recreational games and to be assistant referee for Under-14 Recreational or Select (Athena or Classic) games.

The course provides 9 hours of instruction in game rules and the practical aspects of officiating soccer. Course schedule is August 13, 6-9 p.m. and August 14, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

The USSF 2005 Recertification Course will be offered August 15, 1-6 p.m.

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The course provides 18 hours of instruction in the theory and practice of coaching soccer.

Course schedule is Friday, 7-10 p.m.; August 7, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; and August 8, Noon-6 p.m.

The GSSA "D" course will be offered August 13-15 and 20-22.

This 36 hour course provides methods for coaching advanced teenage players.

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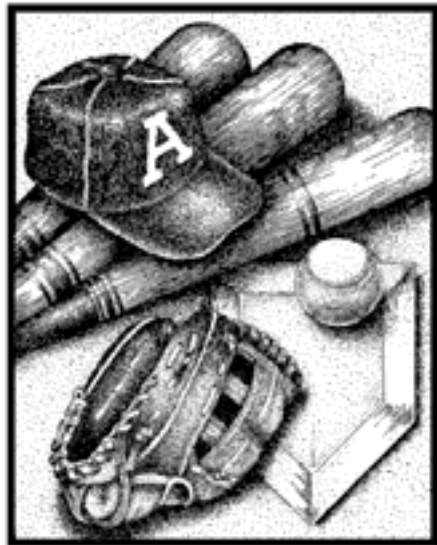
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Regular Season record

B-447	18	2
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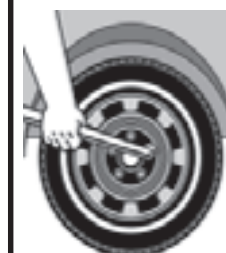
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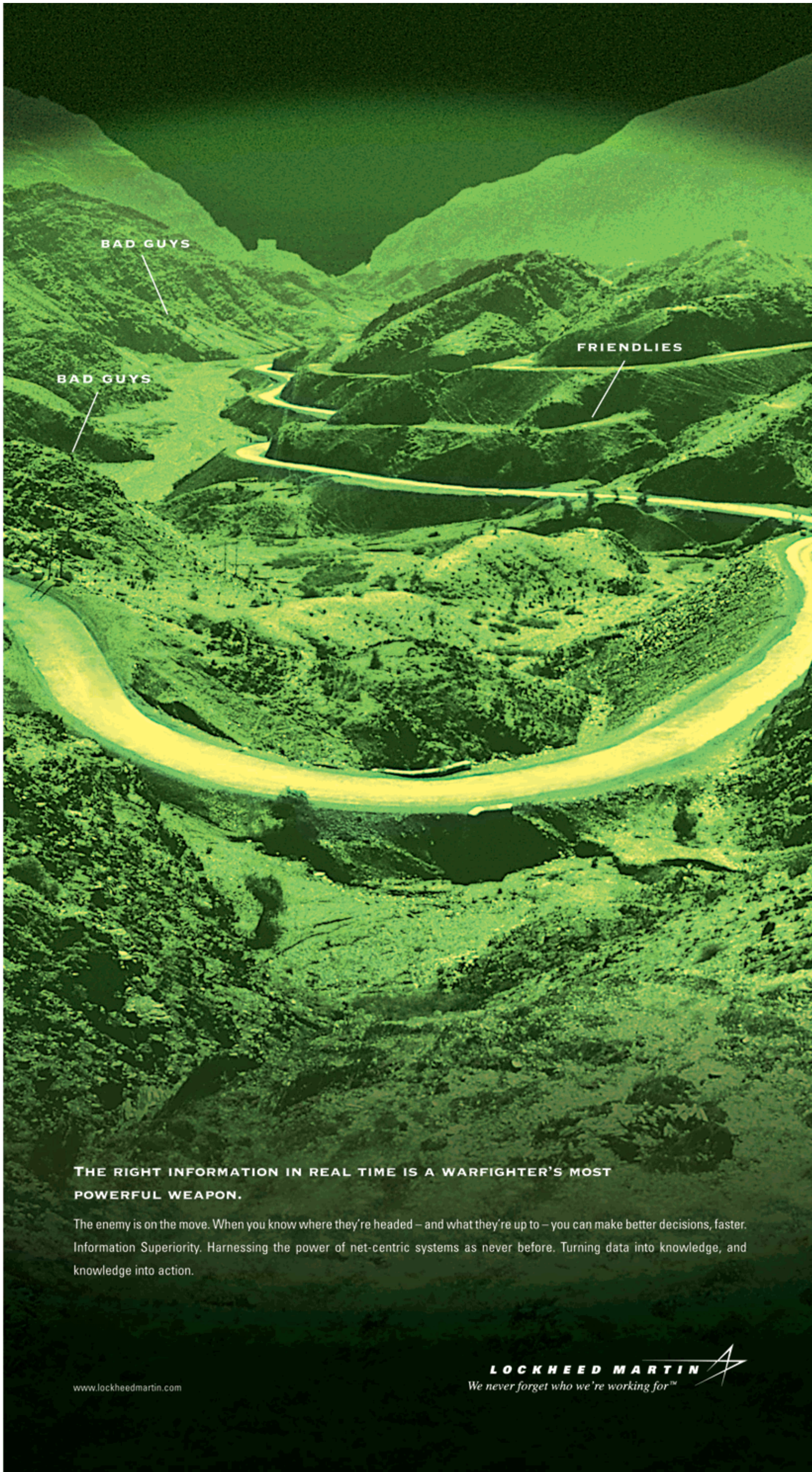
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A drug education program was held by the U.S. Navy July 21 through Thursday at locations on and off Fort Gordon.

Twenty-three Department of Defense dependent and a few civilian children participated in the program called the U.S. Navy Drug Education for Youth Program or DEFY for short.

DEFY is a nationally recognized program that focuses on substance abuse prevention to help kids remain healthy – and drug free, added Petty Officer 1st Class Darby O'Connor, with Naval Security Group Activity at Fort Gordon and one of the program organizers.

The DEFY program is a two-phased prevention program for children ages 9-12. This is the phase I of the program.

"It allows children from this age group to develop positive social skills and deter at-risk behavior that may lead to drug use," said O'Connor.

Events got under way at the Bicentennial Chapel on Lane Avenue at 1:45 p.m. where the Landing Zone exercise was held July 21.

The Landing Zone is an area where stations were set up with each station focusing on a particular problem. It was up to the young participants to find a solution by using teamwork and their minds.

Deserted island was the theme of the Landing Zone that included a "shipwreck", "pirate's cave" and "shark cove" among other things.

Once the four DEFY teams, made up of the kids, arrived at the site of the "shipwreck" they grabbed an envelope labeled with their team number on it and then their adventure began.

From there they went through the "Crocodile Cove" and rescued a sailor from a croc.

After the rescue they used their sense of touch to find items, while blind folded, hidden in the sand at "Sandy Shores."

They continued their mission at the "Pirate's Cave" where they had to figure out a way to communicate with a



Photos by Pfc. Armando Monroig

Drug Education For Youth program participants are surprised as they encounter the dweller of the "Pirate's Cave," as they journey through four stations of the "Deserted Island." Twenty-three children participated in the DEFY program organized by the U.S. Navy on Fort Gordon.

pirate who could not speak or read.

Their journey ended at "Imaginary Island" where team members attempted to stay on a small pier for at least thirty seconds, surrounded by sharks while being hosed by pirates with their water guns.

Earlier in the day they received a visit from Drug Abuse Resistance Education representatives.

Their DEFY experience continued July 22 as kids got a visit from the Richmond County gang task force and then went on a canoeing trip to the Clark Hill/Fort Gordon Recreation area.

Monday they went through a course comprised of rope obstacles at the Bishop Gravatt Center in South Carolina.

They got a visit from the

post military police dog unit and visited the Fort Gordon firehouse Tuesday.

Wednesday they held a talent show at Signal Theater where DEFY participants put together a 15-minute presentation on what a healthy lifestyle allows them to do.

Graduation for program participants was held Thursday at Bicentennial Chapel.

O'Connor said the teaching and training the participants received involved goal setting, team building, conflict resolution, and decision-making.

Sixteen staff members, all Navy volunteers, helped organize the eight-day program.

"The kids are great, the activities – it's an opportunity to let your imagination go crazy," said O'Connor. "That's

rule number 12 of DEFY – have fun."

He said having an event like this lets people know the NAVY is here, a reminder to some that there are permanent duty sailors on Fort Gordon.

"It allows us the opportunity to get more involved with the community," said O'Connor adding that it shows unity between the different branches of service.

Petty Officer 1st Class Edward Reid, NSGA Fort Gordon and camp director for the program, said this is an outstanding program he is proud to be a participant of.

"It's a positive apparatus used to tell kids there are other things they can do besides use drugs, alcohol and smoke cigarettes," said the second-year director who also directed

this program while stationed in Italy last year.

"The response has been overwhelmingly great," he said.

He said the kids seemed to enjoy everything about the program and received nothing but positive feedback from them.

Joshua Montgomery, a 12-year-old participant from Martinez, said the DEFY program was fun.

"It's a good way to teach us how to say no to drugs and teaches us the reasons why we should," he said. "The blindfold (station) was a great way to teach us teamwork."

Brittani Nyce, another 12-year-old DEFY program participant from Evans, agreed with Montgomery.

"We worked together as a

team to solve problems and we tried to make sure everyone stuck together and that no one got hurt," she said.

Nyce said the DEFY staff members were nice, helpful and did a good job. "They made sure we were having fun and were safe," she said.

The DEFY program, initiated in 1993 by the Secretary of the Navy, is a locally sponsored and operated program that defines the Secretary's commitment to enhance the stability of Navy family life, said Lt. j.g. Paul Noel, Department of the Navy DEFY public affairs officer.

"DEFY makes strong kids, strong families, for a ready fleet – that's our motto," he said.

For more information on DEFY, call 791-0552.



DEFY participants tackle sharks during the challenge at "Imaginary Island."



DEFY team members arrive at "the shipwreck," pick up their maps and instructions.



(Above) A team reads clues and map. (Right) DEFY participant searches through sand for items.



(Below) Staff member teaches knot tying at "Crocodile Cove."

